



"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW AS THE NIGHT THE DAY: THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN."

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## WESTMINSTER BANK

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Chick Springs Involved.  
Spartanburg, Feb. 26.—Application for the appointment of a receiver for the Chick Springs Company and for the winding up of the affairs of the corporation has been made by C. B. Chapman, of Asheville, as trustee for the holders of the \$100,000 first mortgage bonds upon the plant of the company, the interest upon which, it is alleged, was not paid when due on January 1. The complaint alleges that the company is insolvent and is not a growing concern. Judge T. S. Sease has signed on order requiring the company to show cause before Judge Rice here on March 1 why a receiver should not be appointed. J. Thos. Arnold, of Greenville, is president of the company.

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### FOR CREAM ROUTE.

On Monday, March 6, a representative from the dairy division at Clemson College will be in Oconee county to consider establishing a cream route. The route will be placed in the section where the greatest number of cows are found and where the largest proportion of farmers want the route.

Farmers, if you are interested in this route, write me before March 6 and I will ask the representative to visit your section.

Routes were established in Pickens, Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg counties more than a year ago and have proved to be profitable to the farmers.

Eleven Oconee farmers are shipping cream and others will begin this spring. One Oconee man says: "No man can sell me fertilizer this year. My cows solved that problem for me."

We have too many people wanting our help to waste time where people are not interested. Write me at once if interested.

G. M. Barnett, County Agent.  
Westminster, S. C.

Editor Keowee Courier: I asked the dairy division to send a man to help me with the cream route work, as all of the adjoining counties have two or more very successful routes, and I feel that it will be a great help to the farmers if established. Hughes, Brandt, Harbort and Morton are shipping cream from Walhalla.

The advantages of this line of work in connection with farming are: Ready market for all feed raised on the farm; monthly pay check

### GERMANS MAKE FEARFUL DRIVE Against French Fortifications Before Verdun—Several Captures.

Dispatches from the Western front in the European war indicate considerable gains by the Germans in their fearful drive against the fortifications protecting the important town of Verdun, which is the center of supply activities for the French forces engaged on the Western front. Several of the 20 or 25 fortifications between the German entrenchments and the great forts at Verdun have been taken by the Germans, who are said to have between half a million and 750,000 men massed on this front. Accounts vary as to the relative sizes of the besieging armies and those of the French defending the fortifications. The latter's forces are estimated at between 350,000 and half a million. The losses are the heaviest reported in any battle of the war, both the Germans and French admitting a terrible slaughter. The German dispatches say that their losses, while very great, are not heavier than the gains made in territory taken and losses inflicted on the enemy warrent.

Dispatches this morning from the French side indicate that the German drive has slackened in intensity, from which the deduction is made that search is being made by the attackers for weaker spots in the defense than they have so far attacked, and that reinforcements are being brought up. The battle about Verdun is generally taken to be one fraught with possibilities of a very decisive nature, either as indicative of the final success of the Germanic forces, or the establishing of the fact that the allies on the West cannot be permanently shaken from their defensive lines. Both Russia and Italy have inaugurated offensive actions designed to prevent the removal of Austro-German forces from those quarters for assistance in the West against the French, or possibly to develop such serious proportions as to cause the withdrawal of men engaged in the West for Austro-German defensive work on the Albanian and Russian war fronts.

The drive against Verdun has been in progress for a week, and it seems more than probable that another week or ten days will be required before anything like a definite idea of concrete results can be intelligently formed.

Dispatches from Washington announce that Germany has refused to accede to the United States' demand that trans-Atlantic liners, whether armed for defense or remaining unarmed, be warned by the German and Austrian naval forces before being torpedoed. These powers will, they assure our government, seek to ascertain which ships are armed for defense, but no armed passenger ship or freighter will be warned of attack unless advantageous to the Germanic allies to do so, while no assurance can be given of safety even to unarmed merchantmen while some of the liners go armed. The situation as between our government and Germany is serious, but President Wilson still hopes for an early and satisfactory settlement of all questions without the unpleasantness of the severing of diplomatic relations.

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Yours very truly,  
G. M. Barnett,  
County Agent.

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### STEAMER SUNK BY MINE. Many Lives Lost—Rescue Steamer is Also Sunk.

Dover, Eng., Feb. 27.—The passenger steamship Maloja, a 12,431-ton vessel, belonging to the Peninsula and Oriental Line, struck a mine and sank within half an hour two miles off Dover to-day. More than 40 persons were drowned or killed.

The Maloja left Tilbury yesterday from Bombay with mails, 119 passengers of all classes aboard and a crew numbering about 200, most of them Lascars. Other passengers were to board the ship at Marseilles.

The steamer was opposite Shakespeare Cliff when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port. High seas were running and the captain tried to run her aground, but the engine room was swamped and the ship became unmanageable.

The plight of the vessel was observed and dozens of craft went at full speed to her rescue. One of them, the British tanker Empress of Port William, of 2,181 tons, struck another mine and sank nearby.

Aboard the Maloja everything possible was done to get the passengers and crew off. All the boats had already been swung out before she struck, as a precaution against the accident, and all those aboard had sufficient time to put on lifebelts, instructions in the use of which had been given the previous evening.

Boat after boat and a number of rafts were sent away, but several persons leaped into the water and were picked up by the surrounding craft. It was at first thought all had been saved, but later bodies were washed ashore, and their number was gradually added to during the day.

Owing to the fact that Dover is under strict military law it was possible to obtain only details from those rescued. The captain said the passengers and crew behaved splendidly.

The passengers were for the most part British officials in the Indian service, the most prominent being Judge Oldfield, of the Indian High Court. Only one of the crew of the steamer was drowned.

Up to midnight the bodies landed from the Maloja included 18 men, 11 women, 4 children, in addition to 11 Lascars. Among the dead is Mrs. McLeod, wife of Gen. McLeod.

**Dutch Steamer Also Sunk.**  
Flushing, Holland, Feb. 27.—The mail steamer Mecklenburg, of the Zealand Line, struck a mine while on a voyage from Tilbury to Flushing and was lost. Officials of the line state that the passengers and crew and the mails were saved.

**Loss of Life Heavy.**  
London, Feb. 28.—The Times estimates the Maloja dead at 148, of whom 117 were Lascars.

**Also a Swede.**  
London, Feb. 28.—The steamship Birgit has been sunk. Seventeen survivors have been landed.

There are three small steamers of the name Birgit, according to shipping records, two Swedish and one Norwegian. The largest of the three is 220 feet long and 1,117 gross tonnage. This vessel flies the Swedish flag.

**Dynamite Demolishes Dwelling.**  
Johnston, S. C., Feb. 27.—An explosion occurred a few miles from town Friday night at 8 o'clock in the home of Little Mike Herlong. In an adjoining room from where the family were sleeping had been placed 17 sticks of dynamite and 72 caps. A short while after the family retired the explosion took place, demolishing the house that was a 3-room cottage, making it uninhabitable. The family escaped unhurt. Mr. Herlong cannot tell how the explosion occurred, as there was no one occupying the room in which the dynamite had been placed.

### BABY WEEK AT SENECA. Dr. Hines Will Address Mothers Meeting To-Morrow, March 2.

Seneca, Feb. 29.—Special: One of the developments of the profound and growing interest in the welfare of babies during the past few years is the "Baby Week." The baby-week campaigns, which have been held in many cities are primarily educational; their purpose is twofold: First, to give to the parents of the community the opportunity of learning the facts with regard to the care of their babies; second, to make known to the community the importance of its babies, the special facts relating to the babies of the community, and need of permanent work for their welfare.

Health authorities unite in saying that public interest is now needed to put into operation methods for infant welfare which are well ascertained and tested. The observance of "Baby Week" is an expedient for securing attention to the facts about the needs of babies which are well known by scientific authorities, and which, if popularized, will greatly reduce the loss of infant life throughout the country.

The plan for the nation-wide "Baby Week" was proposed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and with the co-operation of the Child's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, State Board of Health and other voluntary agencies the success of this movement is assured.

Seneca will take part in the nation-wide Baby Week campaign. The program for the week will be on a simple scale, for plans are being made for a child-welfare conference to be held during the chautauqua next summer and at the same time to have a child-welfare exhibit; for it is believed that a conference held at that time can be more successfully conducted and more far-reaching than at the present.

On Thursday afternoon, March 2, at 4 o'clock a mothers' meeting will be held in the school auditorium. All the ladies of the community are cordially invited to attend. The principal address of the afternoon will be delivered by Dr. E. A. Hines. It is earnestly hoped that every mother in the community will take advantage of the opportunity to hear this splendid address, for Dr. Hines has made a special study of infants and children, and being a physician of wide experience, will have much to say that mothers cannot afford to miss. Several other short talks will be made, followed by a general discussion, and a short musical program.

The other features of the week's campaign will be appropriate sermons by the local pastors on Sunday, and special exercises bearing on the subject will be conducted by the teachers in the public school. The county papers will be asked to co-operate by printing articles on the subject.

**Austrians Again at Durazzo.**  
Vienna, Feb. 28.—Austro-Hungarian troops occupied the Albanian port of Durazzo this morning, according to an official announcement issued at the Austrian war department.

**Served Its Purpose.**  
Rome, Feb. 28.—Evacuation of Durazzo, Albania, is said by the Italian press to have been in accordance with plans long prepared. It has served its purpose as base for rescuing the remainder of the Serbian army. Italian military efforts on that side of the Adriatic, it is declared, will now be directed to safeguarding Avlona, 80 miles south of Durazzo, which has an important strategic value.

**Oconee Lady Charming Entertained.**  
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Samuel P. Bryce, of No. 13 Park avenue, this city, charmingly entertained the younger set on last Wednesday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Winona Cox, of Oconee, who is on an extended visit among friends and relatives here. The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink carnations and ferns. Auction bridge was played with great zest and enthusiasm. The game proved unusually interesting and absorbing. The closing of delicious refreshments. Mrs. Bryce of the game was marked by the serv-

### MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DEAD. Mrs. Alethia Beatty, Aged 62 Years, Mrs. Rebecca Fricks, Aged 95.

Mrs. Alethia Beatty, widow of the late Chas. W. Beatty, died at her home near Walhalla last Thursday morning at 1.30 o'clock. She had been seriously sick for about a week, and the announcement of her death was momentarily expected for several days before the end came. Mrs. Beatty was stricken with pneumonia about two weeks before her death.

The deceased was 62 years of age, and was a daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Fricks, who was probably the oldest lady in Oconee, she having celebrated her 94th birthday in June of last year. Mrs. Beatty's husband died about 22 years ago. She was a splendid woman, a devout Christian and a consistent member of the Methodist church, with which she had been identified for many years. Her death will be deeply regretted wherever she was known, and there are many who will sorrow at the passing of a staunch friend.

Mrs. Beatty is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ona Cummings, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. Fred Brown, of Walhalla, and Mrs. James Angel, of Atlanta, Ga. Two sisters and four brothers also survive her, these being Mrs. R. F. Kaufmann, of Walhalla; Mrs. John Schluter, of Washington, D. C.; and Messrs. Virgil Fricks, Helena, Mont.; C. C. Fricks, Stone Mountain, Ga.; J. L. O. Fricks, of Walhalla, and M. M. Fricks, of Lakewood, Mont. Mrs. Angel reached the old home several days before her mother's death, and Mrs. Cummings arrived in time for the funeral.

The interment took place at Bethel Presbyterian cemetery, the body being laid to rest in a grave beside that of her husband. Funeral services were conducted at the home Friday at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Stokes, of the Methodist church, and Rev. W. B. Aull, of the Lutheran church, conducting the services.

**Mrs. Rebecca Fricks, Aged 95,** mother of Mrs. Beatty, died at the home on Friday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, only about 20 minutes after the funeral procession of her daughter had left the home for Bethel. Mrs. Fricks was in her 95th year, she having been born in June, 1821. She was the widow of the late Joseph Fricks. Her death was due to pneumonia and paralysis.

Mrs. Fricks was the last survivor of the family of the late Hughey and Eve Ivester, the latter having died in 1895 at the age of 99 years. Her husband, Joseph Fricks, died about 32 years ago. Mrs. Fricks was a "Confederate Mother," she having had one son, William Fricks, who served in the War Between the States. He was killed in battle.

The deceased was a consecrated Christian and a devoted member of the Baptist church, with which she identified herself in early life. Her long sojourn here upon earth was marked by deeds of kindness and good works. She was truly a Mother in Israel, and there are many who will mourn the passing of this aged lady.

Mrs. Fricks is survived by two daughters and four sons, their names having been given above as sisters and brothers of Mrs. Beatty.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after which the body was brought to Walhalla, and at 3.30 o'clock, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, was tenderly lowered to its last resting place in the Baptist cemetery, by the side of the late Jos. Fricks. Funeral services and those at the grave were conducted by Rev. T. L. Smith, pastor of the Walhalla Baptist church.

To the bereaved ones the sympathy of many friends goes out in the hour of deep affliction.

**Russian Steamer Sunk.**  
London, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamer Patchenga has been sunk. Fifteen of those aboard were saved. The Patchenga was the German steamer Erik Larsen, and was captured by the Russians early in the war.

P. C. Bobo presided at the piano, rendering several beautiful selections.

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